of formulations based on bulk drugs appearing in Category II of DPCO, 1987.

(b) Sales turn over of individual companies is not monitored.

(c) The span of control has been reduced under DPCO 1987 as compared to that in DPCO, 1979.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In order to encourage production activity of small scale sector units they have been exempted from the pricing provision under DPCO, 1987 in respect of Category II formulations subject to certain conditions.

(f) and (g) Authentic information in this regard is not available.

Trade commission on ex-factory value

775. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present Trade Commission on ex-factory value of price controlled formulations;

(b) what part of trade commission is likely to be given on non-scheduled formulations at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that over and above product discount is being given;

(d) if so, what is the approximate percentage;

(e) whether it is also a fact that consumer has to pay exorbitant price of medicine; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to safeguard consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Under DPCO, 1987 no manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler shall sell a formulation to a retailer, unless otherwise permitted under the provisions of this Order or any order made thereunder, at a price equal to the retail price (Excluding excise duty, if any) minus 16 per cent thereof in the case of price controlled drug.

(b) No specific provision in this regard is available under DPCO, 1987.

(c) and (d) These may vary from company to company as per their marketing strategies.

(e) and (f) Prices of controlled formulations are fixed by the Government in accordance with the provisions contained under DPCO, 1987. In so far as non-scheduled formulations are concerned, Government keeps constant watch on their prices. In such cases where the prices appear to be on the higher side, Government intervenes to bring the prices at reasonable level.

Discrepancies in Drugs Price Control Order, 1987

776. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have found a number of discrepancies in Drugs Price Control Order, 1987; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and actions taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Matter is under examination of the Government.

Production of Phenobaritone

777. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Phenobaritone is being produced in the country as well as being imported;

(b) if so, what was the production and import of the drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the price fixed for indigenous production and what is the average landed cost of imports during the year 1990-91;

(d) what is the price of bulk drug on which formulation prices are being fixed; and

(e) what are the names of five major formulators of this drug and their formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information regarding production, to the extent available with the Department, and regarding imports, as furnished by the DGHS, for the last three years, is given below:——

(In tonnes)

	Production	Immort
1987-88 . .	10.76	6·620
1988-89 . .	5·12	14·583
1989-90 . .	2·58	16·355

(c) Price of indigenously produced Phenobarbitone is Rs. 743/ Kg. Average landed cost of Phenobarbitone in 1990-91 is not available. However, its average landed cost in 1989-90 was about Rs. 400/Kg.

(d) Price of bulk drug taken into consideration for formulation pricing depends on source of procurement supported by invoices as submitted by the applicant. However, in view of increased imports the import price as indicated by DGHS is being taken into consideration presently.

(e) To the extent information is available, M|s. Rhone Poulence, M/s. Bayer (India) Ltd., and M/s. IDPL operating in the organised sector are manufacturing formulations based on this bulk drug.

Export of various drugs

778. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of bulk drugs, formulations, pesticides and intermediates recommended by Government exclusively for export during the last two years;

(b) on what basic value added was calculated in each case;

(c) what are the names of companies involved in each case; and

(d) what are the names of imported inputs likely to be used for each product and what was the value added in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The details of bulk drugs formulations pesticides etc. recommended by Government exclusively for exports during the last two years, value addition as well as names of the companies involved are given in attached statement. The value addition in each case was calculated as per the prescribed norms.

(d) The time and effort required to compile this exhaustive information is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.